

RESOLUTION NO.
**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI APPROVING
FORM AND CONTENT OF THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AMONG SONOMA
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, THE TOWN OF
WINDSOR AND THE CITIES OF CLOVERDALE, COTATI, HEALDSBURG,
ROHNERT PARK, SEBASTOPOL AND SONOMA FOR MATTERS RELATED TO
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Sonoma County, the Town of Windsor and the Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol and Sonoma have previously jointly participated in certain federal grant programs via a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA); and

WHEREAS, this joint participation provides efficiency for all participating jurisdictions by joint development of the required Consolidated Plan, and, through a Technical Advisory Committee, allows the individual jurisdictions to shape the projects and foci of individual grant cycles; and

WHEREAS, the grant programs included under the joint powers agreement include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership and HEARTH Act programs; and

WHEREAS, these various grant programs assist jurisdictions with improving accessibility to public facilities, certain economic development activities, renter and homebuyer assistance for lower income households, as well as emergency homeless shelter and rapid transition to housing funding for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the most recent JPA agreement was executed in 2009, with an amendment in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a current joint powers agreement for continued eligibility in the various grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to continue this joint participation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed JPA, attached as Exhibit A, has been edited to meet all current HUD requirements and has been reviewed and edited by technical and legal staff of all member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Cotati finds as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct and constitute a part of the findings made by the City Council in support of this Resolution.
2. The City Council of Cotati hereby approves the form and content of the Joint Powers Agreement for Housing and Community Development attached as Exhibit A and authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Cotati.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cotati held on the 22nd day of August, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

Approved: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Lauren Berges, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Attachments:

Exhibit A - CDC Joint Powers Agreement (PDF)